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Subject: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) BOR-2019-00217 Acknowledgement Letter

Jimmy Tobias:

The Reclamation Denver FOIA office received your FOIA requests, dated August 2, 2019, and assigned it FOIA control number BOR-2019-00217. Please cite this number in any future communications with our office regarding your request.

You requested:

- Any and all written or electronic communications, including email attachments, sent or received by Brenda Burman that relate to the title transfer or proposed title transfer of irrigation infrastructure to water contractors of California's Central Valley Project.
- Written or electronic communications, including email attachments, that contain one or more of the following words or phrases: WIIN.

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Your request falls into the “Complex,” processing track. We therefore expect that we will dispatch a determination to you by September 16, 2019.

You may narrow the scope of your request to obtain quicker processing in your currently-assigned track or move the request into a faster track (which may have the effect of reducing the cost of processing your request). If you have any questions about this, please contact us.

Thank you,

Jesse Caro - Acting
Reclamation FOIA